

Edwards Congratulates SpaceX on Historic Launch & Orbit of Falcon 9 Rocket

(Waco, TX) –U.S. Representative Chet Edwards released the following statement:

“Congratulations to SpaceX and the hard-working employees at their McGregor facility on the successful launch and orbit of the Falcon 9 rocket, a historic milestone that could shape the future of American space travel for years to come while creating new jobs and expanding economic growth here in Central Texas. I am proud to support them.”

Background

Congressman Edwards has worked with Space Explorations Technologies (SpaceX) to help them compete for NASA funding to put cargo and U.S. astronauts in space using rockets and capsules. Space X now has a \$1.6 billion NASA contract to deliver cargo to the International Space Station through 2016.

Congressman Edwards wrote the law that had the U.S. Navy transfer to the city of McGregor at no cost the 10,000 plus acres to create the McGregor Industrial Park, which is where SpaceX is now located.

Congressman Edwards helped the city of McGregor to secure a \$1.5 million economic development grant in 2009 that will expand operations at the McGregor Industrial Park and create 350 jobs.